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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9-30-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-2, 4-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmid'467 in view of Asada'165.

The applied Schmid'467 discloses that it is well known in the art to make and use a color metallic pigments comprising metal particles and a single-layer or multilayer coat covering the surface of each metal particle. The reference teaches that oxide film may contain molybdenum and also cobalt. See column 1, lines 24-40, column 1, lines 50-68, column 2, lines 60-68, column 3, lines 1-30.

The applied Schmid'467 does not specifically teach that phosphor may be included in the coat covering the metal particle. However, Asada'165 teaches that it is well known in the art to use elements such as phosphor in the oxide layers that coat metal particles. See column 3, lines 55-67, column 4, lines 1-10, column 5, lines 1-10. It would have been obvious to one having

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ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use phosphor in Schmid'467 coatings as suggested by Asada'165, since such would improve physical properties of the coat.

Regarding claims 2, 4-6, the Asada'165 teaches that it is well known in the art to add such elements like silicon, aluminum, titanium into the layers covering metal particles. See column 3, lines 55-67.

Regarding claims 8 and 10, the applied Schmid'467 teaches the use of the claimed compounds. See column 3, lines 1-11.

Regarding claims 7,9 and 11, Schmid'467 teaches the use of pigments with resin (see column 6, lines 7-20) however, it lacks of the claimed amounts of elements. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to optimize the amounts of elements in the composition since such would improve optical properties of the pigments and coatings.

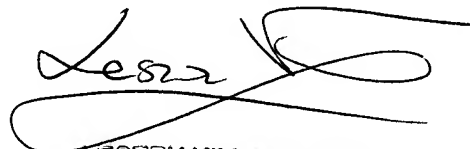
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to leszek b. kiliman whose telephone number is 571-272-1509. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, 6.30-5.00.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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